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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 3, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 3, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

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